



Berserker Street State School

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GET SET FOR PREP 2017!

If your child turns five by June 30th 2017, they are eligible for Prep next year.

Enrolments and Information Packages are now available from the office for children who wish to commence Prep in 2017. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child's Prep eligibility.

Birthday	2017	2018	2019	2020
01/07/11 to 30/06/12	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
01/07/12 to 30/06/13	Kindy	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two
01/07/13 to 30/06/14		Kindy	Prep Year	Year One
01/07/14 to 30/06/15			Kindy	Prep Year

Enrolments always welcome!

MUSIC NEWS

The Choral Festival is fast approaching! On Monday September 5th the Senior Choir will be performing a set of 5 songs with a cohort of choirs from our region at the Rockhampton Baptist Tabernacle auditorium. On the last day of term 2 Louise Dorman, an Opera Queensland performer, introduced our Senior Choir to the magnificent world of Opera. Generously hosted by Sing Story, this one day free workshop led students to understand that Opera is simply a story told through drama and song. Students looked at the foundations of Opera and were engaged in singing and responding to famous operas and then collaboratively constructed their own short opera scene while looking at the setting, characters, relationships, complications and themes.

LIBRARY ACTIVITY CENTRE

The staff and students would like to thank Mr Mitchell who painted a great mural in our updated Library. Keeping with our Dr Seuss theme we now have a huge mural in our Activities area. We now have a variety of games and puzzles for all students to enjoy at lunchtime in the Library. Students really enjoy using the library at lunchtimes as we have various areas for students to learn and play. 27 new computers are being installed in the Technology room today.



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to the 6A Berserker Football team who played the Grand Final on Wednesday afternoon against Frenchville School. The team played really well and showed great sportsmanship. The final score was Frenchville 28 to Berserker 4. Thank you to Mr Piskor, Mr Mitchell, Mr Thornton, the families and staff who came along and cheered the team on.

VIRTUES

These are the virtues that students will be learning about this fortnight. Please take the time to talk to your children about these.

Week 7: Honour

Honour is living with a sense of respect for what you believe is right. It is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself, other people, and the rules you live by. When you are honourable, you don't have to feel ashamed of who you are or what you are doing. You are worthy of respect. You set a good example.

Week 8: Assertiveness

Being assertive means being positive and confident. When you practice assertiveness you stand up and speak out. You set boundaries about what you will and will not do, and get help when you need it. You share your feelings tactfully and make a difference in the world in your own special way.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

Hands off, Feet Off!

In the last few weeks we have had to remind a number of students about our Hands Off, Feet Off rule. At Berserker, it is never appropriate for any student to put their hands or feet on somebody else. If your son/daughter is having a problem with another student they are asked to follow the following rules:

1. Say 'Stop! I don't like it!'
2. Tell a teacher
3. Tell the office

It is never ok for a student to try to solve a problem by putting their hands or feet on somebody else. This is unsafe and results in children being hurt. Please talk to your children about this rule, alternative ways to solve problems and reinforce the rules for solving problems (as above).

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all our wonderful Instrumental Music students on their great performances at the Combined Schools String and Band Concerts.

The Junior String students will perform on parade this Wednesday. They have been busy preparing their pieces during their lunchbreak on Tuesdays.

NATURAL MATHS

Skip Counting

Skip counting is counting in equal sized groups, for example: counting in 2s, 3s, or 5s. The following diagram shows quite a large number which would be tedious to count by 1s, whereas touching and counting in 2s would speed up the process.



Looking for efficient strategies is always the way to go when the numbers get larger.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



Please remind your children if they have overdue library books they need to be returned to the library. For students wishing to keep their books for longer, please visit the library to have them extended.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Our **Student Absence Hotline is 49990366**. This number is available 24 hours a day.

When using our Absence Hotline, please follow these simple steps by stating:

- **1. Student's name**
- **2. Class**
- **3. Date of absence**
- **4. Reason for absence**
- **5. Duration of absence**

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, there is a strong correlation between attendance and academic achievement.

We as a school are requesting Parent/Carer support to ensure the best possible opportunities for our students. This is done by monitoring closely the attendance of every student every day.

Below is a table which will help to reinforce the importance of your child's attendance at school every day (genuine illness accepted). It is important that we work together to get all students here 95% of the time.

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years	Grade they will achieve
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years	Equal to finishing in year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks a year	Over 2 ½ years	Equal to finishing in year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks a year	Over 8 years	Equal to finishing in year 4

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday from 8.00 am to 8.40 am at the stadium.

We are in need of helpers from 8am to 9am on Monday mornings. If you are able to assist please call the School Office on 4999 0333 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.

TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open before school and both lunch breaks Monday to Friday

Volunteers are always needed so please contact the office or pop in and see Cherie at the tuckshop if you are able to help out.

Tuckshop Breakfast: Tuesday to Friday 8am till 8.40am.

Lunch orders are taken each morning. Students should have their orders on a paper bag clearly named or provide 10c extra for a bag from the tuckshop. **STUDENTS NEED TO FILL OUT TWO BAGS IF THEY WANT TUCKSHOP BOTH LUNCHESES.** Orders must be in by **9am** (otherwise the tuckshop is only able to offer jam or vegemite sandwiches).

UNIFORMS

School Uniforms can be purchased from our tuckshop Monday to Friday from 8am till 10.30am. The tuckshop is open on these days before school for your convenience. Full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo, are a requirement for all Berserker students. All students should also have closed in shoes and hat for play.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Independent children are able to use their own judgement to make decisions and meet their own needs. They take responsibility for their actions and respect the rights of others. Children who are responsible and independent are more likely to succeed in school and in their social relationships.

Encouraging Independence and Raising Responsible Kids:

- Communicate clearly.
- Encourage independence.
- Let children make choices.
- Teach problem solving.
- Give children chores.
- Help children to be organised.
- Allow for mistakes.
- Resist the temptation to rescue your child when they suffer consequences.
- Acknowledge their efforts specifically.
- Talk less and listen with empathy.
- Set an example.
- Know that teaching responsibility takes a long time.
- Slowly increase your child's responsibilities as he or she ages.

LIBRARY ACTIVITY CENTRE



Our school library is open both lunch breaks for students.

Library Activities (Green Room):

Monday - Movie Day

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday-Duplo

Friday - Quiet Reading

Activity Area:

Games and puzzles are available both lunch breaks each day.

Computers:

Computers are available both lunch breaks for all students. We encourage students to use this time as well to finish assessment work etc.

Library Borrowing:

Students can return and borrow books at lunch breaks as well.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

16 th September	Term 3 ends
Tues 4 th October	Term 4 commences
Monday 17 th October	Pupil Free Day

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT BERSERKER



Berserker Street State School offers before and after school care here at Berserker. This is run by PCYC in the Hall located near the Berserker Street Entrance of the school.

Operating hours:

Before School Care 6:30am – 8.45am
(open to all schools).

After School Care 2:45pm till 6.00pm
(BSSS students only).

Vacation Care (operates from PCYC Rockhampton) 7.30am – 6.00pm.

For more information please contact Toni on 0418116481. PCYC coordinate this wonderful service, for more information email: berserkerstac@pcyc.org.au

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2017 NRSHS

North Rockhampton SHS enrolments for Year 7 2017 are now open. You can contact North Rockhampton SHS on Ph: 4924 7888 to arrange to receive an enrolment pack of detailed information at any time. Appointments for enrolment interview are to be arranged with a North Rockhampton SHS representative, parent/carer and your child.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ARCHER PARK SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

2 SPECIAL DAYS – BOTH WEDNESDAYS IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

DATE: Wednesday 21st & 28th September 2016

TIME: 10am – 1pm

COST: \$8.50 for entry children with one adult free \$5.80 for extra adults

Lots to do for the kids – Tram Rides, colour in table, block mat for the toddlers, Find the Answer - Questionnaires for the older kids, knockems – win a chocolate frog. Morning tea and hot food.

Tour guides to tell the stories of how the Morse Code, Electric Staff's work and lots more.

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